

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 KINSHA 04205 041451Z

ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SCA-01 SCSE-00 DHA-02 OC-06

CCO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15

SSO-00 /088 W

-----041458Z 127384 /53

P 041430Z MAY 77

FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3393

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

UNCLAS KINSHASA 4205

FOL REPEAT LUBUMBASHI 0229 SENT ACTION KINSHASA PRIORITY 02 MAY 77.

QUOTE

UNCLAS LUBUMBASHI 0229

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, PINS, CG

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF BRITISH AND SPANISH JOURNALISTS

1. METHODISTS MISSIONARIES IN KOLWEZI HAVE INFORMED US THAT AUTHORITIES THERE HAVE PUT IN JAIL U.K. JOURNALIST CALVIN SMITH OF THE LONDON OBSERVER, SPANISH TV JOURNALIST JESUS GONZALEZ GREEN AND THREE OTHER SPANISH TV CREW MEMBERS. GROUP APPARENTLY DROVE CAR TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF ZAMBIA AND HIKED TO MUTSHATSHA IN SEARCH OF STORY OF LIFE BEHIND INVADERS' LINES. THEY ARRIVED IN MUTSHATSHA IN TIME TO BE MET BY REOCCUPYING FAZ FORCE. THEY REQUESTED THEIR EMBASSIES BE NOTIFIED THROUGH METHODISTS WHO ARE PROVIDING FOOD.

2. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH HONORARY U.K. CONSUL. DIGBY GOODALL, UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 KINSHA 04205 041451Z

WHO JUST LEARNED OF PROBLEM YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. HE IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HIS EMBASSY BY PHONE AND SAID HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO TO KOLWEZI IF NECESSARY. WE OFFERED USE OF CONSULATE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. HE ASKED THAT WE ALSO PASS THE INFORMATION TO HIS EMBASSY. WE DO NOT KNOW WHO REPRESENTS SPANISH INTERESTS IN SHABA.

3. BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES AT TIME OF ARREST AND LOCATION OF PRISONERS IN KOLWEZI, WE DOUBT THAT HONORARY CONSULS WOULD HAVE MUCH INFLUENCE IN SECURING RELEASE AND WOULD RECOMMEND THE MATTER BE HANDLED DIRECTLY BY THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES.

4. REQUEST THAT SPANISH AND BRITISH EMBASSY BE INFORMED OF THE PROBLEM AND ADVISE CONSULATE OF ANY DESIRED ACTION. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO MONITOR SITUATION THROUGH METHODISTS.
BORG UNQUOTE
CUTLER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, DETENTION, ARRESTS, JOURNALISTS, CONSULAR SERVICES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 04-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977KINSHA04205
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770156-0642
Format: TEL
From: KINSHASA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770596/aaaadfad.tel
Line Count: 73
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f582169b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2646910
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DETENTION OF BRITISH AND SPANISH JOURNALISTS
TAGS: CASC, PINS, CG, UK, (SMITH, CALVIN)
To: STATE LONDON
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f582169b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009